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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ulrich Schiestl, et al
SERIAL NO.: 10/743,168
FILED: December 22, 2004
FOR: Internal Combustion-Operated Setting Tool
EXAMINER: Michelle Lopez **Group:** 3721

Mail Stop: **Amendment**
Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected Claims 9-11 for allegedly being indefinite, rejected Claims 1-3, 6-7 and 9-11 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 4-5 and 8 would become allowable if rewritten in independent form (Claims 4 and 8), including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim or claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 4-5 and 8 is noted and appreciated. However, applicants believe that rewriting these claims in independent form is not necessary as they now depend on a claim earnestly believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: